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41-Year-Old Kenilworth Man Convicted In Near Fatal Stabbing of District Man

WASHINGTON, DC - Acting United States Attorney Channing D. Phillips announced today that on June 22, 2009, Darnell Bates, 41, of the Kenilworth neighborhood in Northeast Washington, D.C., was found guilty by a D.C. Superior Court jury of Aggravated Assault while Armed and Carrying a Dangerous Weapon for the November 20, 2007 violent stabbing of a District of Columbia man in the 4500 block of Quarles Street, N.E. The case is scheduled for sentencing on September 18, 2009 before the Honorable Frederick Weisberg. At sentencing, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of more than 30 years in jail.

According to evidence presented at trial, Bates had a long-standing grudge against the victim stemming from a 1991 criminal case. On November 20, 2007 tempers flared anew after a dispute over proceeds from a drug transaction. Several hours following the dispute, while in the 4500 block of Quarles Street, N.E., Bates walked up to the victim and stabbed him with a knife, piercing his liver and coming within a centimeter of his heart. Bates attempted to stab the victim a second a time, but the victim escaped and ran to a nearby Metro station for assistance. Subsequently, the victim was transported to a local hospital where he was admitted in critical condition. Several days later, when a government witness asked

Bates about the stabbing, Bates admitted that the victim owed him money from a drug transaction and that the two had a fight.

In announcing the verdict, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips praised the work of Metropolitan Police Department Detective Dennis Myles, who led the investigation, as well as Detectives Jeffrey Dixon, Peter Shaw, Dexter Martin, Michael Murphy, and Sean Caine, Sixth District Officer Mark Dega, Forensic Science Division Officer Nathaniel Covington, and Metro Transit Officer Raymond Adams. Mr. Phillips also commended the outstanding support of U.S. Attorney Office paralegals Antoinette Sakamsa, Richard Cheatham, and Anthony Griffith, and Litigation Specialists Timothy Linder, Janay Jones, Tyrone Bowie, Paul Howell, and Thomas Royal. Finally, Mr. Phillips recognized Assistant U.S. Attorneys John Borchert, Tejpal Chawla, and Amy Zubrensky, who investigated the case, and AUSA J.P. Cooney, who prosecuted the case at trial.

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